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SUBJ: SHIHABI SEEKS OUR READING OF ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT
VIOLATION ON GOLAN.

1. IN LATE EVENING SESSION WITH ME AUGUST 30, COS SHIHABI
SAID HE PUZZLED BY ISRAELI RESPONSE THROUGH UNDOF TO
FOLLOWING SYRIAN COMPLAINT OF DISENGAGEMENT VIOLATION ON
GOLAN. READING FROM A HANDWRITTEN BRIEF, HE SOLICITED
OUR OPINION ON "WHAT GAME ISRAELIS MAY BE UP TO?"

2. FOR PAST WEEK, AND FOR FIRST TIME SINCE SIGNING
DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, ISRAELIS HAVE BEEN RUNNING HALF
TRACKS AND ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS BETWEEN LINES A
AND A-1 AT KUNEITRA ON GOLAN. SYRIA IMMEDIATELY SUBMITTED
COMPLAINT TO UNDOF.

3. ISRAELIS ANSWERED THAT VEHICLES IN QUESTION BELONGED
TO "BORDER GUARDS" AND NOT RPT NOT TO IDF. THEREFORE,
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ISRAELIS ASSERTED, "WE HAVE RIGHT" TO OPERATE THEM IN THAT

AREA.

4. SHIHABI ASSERTS THAT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN BORDER
GUARD AND IDF IS MEANINGLESS AND ASKS IF WE CAN GET BETTER
READING ON ISRAELI INTENTIONS.

5. COMMENT. I ROUTINELY ASK SHIHABI IN OUR MEETINGS
ABOUT SITUATION ON GOLAN. THIS IS FIRST TIME DURING ENTIRE
PAST YEAR HE HAS COME UP WITH SPECIFIC PROBLEM ABOUT AN
ISRAELI ACTION AND SOLICITED USG ADVICE IN ITS SOLUTION.
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